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I have continued to believe that the case against Microsoft has been carried too far. It is important not to stifle innovation. I have been retired for 11 years and my former company still benefits from the 17 years of protection that has been provided for the patents under my name.

One of the issues in the Microsoft case revolves around the browser. I have always had Netscape as my browser and in the 4.5 and 6.2 versions they are just as all consuming as Micosoft in their service.

It seems to me that no one has gained in this litigation, especially because it has been dragged out so long. Let's put this thing to rest once and for all. It was my understanding that a settlement had been worked out but some States have continued to keep the case going. I have already expressed disappointment that my home state of Florida is one of the procrastinators. I have also been been disturbed at the way the DOJ has handled the case. The fairest and most sensible thing for all concerned is to end it once and for all. Charles W. Lehnert, retiree and consultant.